



**ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

# **intelligence crime about Putin pipeline**

**News service declares federal government to  
assist Nord Stream 2 ++ Ministries wave ++  
Ambassador met ++**



**Angela Merkel and Vladimir Putin in August 2018 Schloss Meseberg in Brandenburg**

Photo: Ralf Hirschberger / dpa

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With the topic "Nord Stream 2" the mood becomes increasingly hotter.  
Now, the German commitment to the Russian pipeline even calls for a  
European news service!

**BILD has a document from a Western European secret service. It contains serious allegations against the federal government in connection with Nord Stream 2. As a result, Gazprom's subsidiary, Gazprom, "managed to convince the German government to lobby Washington for US sanctions against the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline ."**

► Nord Stream 2 AG has built up "extremely good access to the Chancellor's Office" and has "managed to secure the federal government's support for the USA in the case of Nord Stream 2".

To ensure non-imposition of sanctions, Angela Merkel personally "sent a negotiator to Washington to convince Congress to postpone possible sanctions."



**Lubmin in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern: A blue lid closes a pipe at the construction site of the Baltic Sea pipeline Nord Stream 2 at the receiving station**

Photo: Stefan Sauer / dpa

The background is that a sanctioning of the companies involved in the construction until 31 December 2019 "would delay the project by five years". Even if only a few kilometers of the tube had to be built, a last minute deduction by the specialist companies from Italy and Switzerland would lead to a freeze on construction and make the pipeline impossible in the long term.

**"Without US sanctions, the pipeline will be fully operational by next fall," the secret service concludes.**

► On BILD demand, the secret service insisted that the findings were "not interpretations" but "secure first-hand information". However, in order to protect the source, one can not say whether she works in Moscow or Berlin, for example.



## Umstrittene Gas-Pipeline Nord Stream 2

Die Verlegung der etwa 1230 km langen Pipeline hat im Mai 2018 begonnen



## German lobbying in Washington for Nord Stream 2

In April, BILD reported that Germany's Ambassador in Washington DC, Emily Haber, wrote letters to several United States Congressmen in March this year, including influential Republican Party senators. In her letter, Haber advocated that the US not further tighten its sanctions policy towards Russia.

Literally it said in the letter, the BILD is present: **"We are worried that Congress is currently considering the imposition of further energy sanctions against Russia." These sanctions could affect "the European energy security."**

► As BILD has learned, Haber has since led numerous other discussions on the subject, including on 24 July with Eliot Engel, a Democratic member of the US Committee on Energy and Trade. Haber also told him that US sanctions against the Russian gas project "endanger the transatlantic unit".



**October 2019. German Ambassador Emily Haber with Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier in Boston**

Photo: Britta Pedersen / dpa

► **The Federal Foreign Office confirmed to BILD the meeting of the German ambassador with the US politician.**

The conversation, like other talks, was conducted in order to "express the Federal Government's negative attitude to sanctions against Nord Stream 2". This attitude is "represented by the Foreign Office, of course, on the usual diplomatic channels to the US administration and the Congress."

► Minister of Economics Peter Altmaier also regularly sends high-ranking officials to the US to prevent US sanctions against Nord Stream 2 at any price, as BILD learned.

A ministry spokesman said to BILD: "Representatives of the BMWi are task-related in exchange with representatives of the US and representatives of companies. Talks with partner governments will discuss all current economic and energy issues. "

**BILD also confronted the Chancellery with the allegations of the western intelligence service and asked if they were correct. Denial? None.**

**Instead, a government spokesman said, "Chancellery officials are task-related on a variety of topics in exchange with a variety of representatives of companies and other states, including the US".**

## **Germany operates "Argument of the Kremlin"**

In the eyes of the Federal Government, the approach and the argumentation on Nord Stream 2 seems to be completely normal. The European foreign countries and the European Commission see it differently.

► **An EU official told BILD that Germany was running the Kremlin's case in the case.**

Thus, the Russian state-owned TV channels spreading "Russia 24", *"the US is against the Nord Stream 2 pipeline because they want to destroy Europe as one of its main economic rivals"*. This statement has a unit against Russian disinformation in the European field service in June 2019 officially listed as "disinformation" (<https://euvsdisinfo.eu/report/us-is-against-the-nord-stream-2-pipeline-because-it-wants-to-destroy-europe/>).

**The Federal Government, according to the EU official, takes over this position, albeit weakened, and communicates it to partners on both sides of the Atlantic. He added to BILD: "If that's normal, I can give up my job."**

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